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SUBJECT: IRAQI PORT DEVELOPMENT

1. IRAQI NEWS AGENCY (INA) REPORTS JULY 18 THAT STAGE ONE OF
THE INTEGRATED INDUSTRIAL PORT AT KHOR AT-ZUBAIR, NEAR
BASRAH,
WAS INAUGURATED DURING CELEBRATIONS OF THE 1958 AND 1968
REVOLUTIONS.

2. NEW PORT FACILITIES WILL PERMIT IMPORTATION OF 1.8
MILLION TONS OF IRON ORE PER YEAR AND ANNUAL EXPORT OF
300,000 TONS OF SPONGE IRON FROM THE PLANT PRESENTLY BEING
BUILT BY CRUESOT-LOIRE OF FRANCE, EMPLOYING PROCESS TECHNOLOGY
OF THE U.S. FIRM, PULLMAN-SWINDELL. IRON ORE FOR THE PLANT
WILL COME FROM BRAEIT.

3. INA ALSO REPORTS INAUGURATION OF A 300 METER-WIDE CANAL
LINKING KHOR AL-ZUBAIR WITH THE GULF. THE CANAL WILL PERMIT
PASSAGE OF SHIPS UP TO 60,000 TON CAPACITY.
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